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1. REPRESENTATIVES OF OCCUPIED RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS
HAVE BEEN MEETING SINCE 3:00 PM WITH COPCON COMMANDER OTELO AND
INFORMATION MINISTER ALMEIDA SANTOS IN MINISTRY OF SOCIAL COM-
MUNICATIONS BUILDING. OTELO IS EXPECTED TO MAKE STATEMENT ON
OUTCOME OF DISCUSSION WITHIN NEXT TWO HOURS. CROWD OF ABOUT
3,000 OUTSIDE MINISTRY IN EXPECTATION OF ANNOUNCEMENT.

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2. AT 5:00 PM AND 6:00 PM EMISSORA NACIONAL (EN) BROADCAST COMMUNIQUE BY "WORKERS, PARATROOPERS AND DISABLED VETERANS GATHERED IN EN STUDIOS." COMMUNIQUE STATED THAT, DUE TO AMBIGUITY OF PRIME MINISTER'S ORDER TO OCCUPY RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS, AND TO THREAT ORDER POSED TO FREEDOM OF MEDIA AND TO REVOLUTION, EN WOULD CEASE BROADCASTING AZEVEDO'S ORIGINAL COMMUNIQUE. IT WOULD ALSO, HOWEVER, REFRAIN FROM BROADCASTING "ALARMIST" INFORMATION ON OCCUPATIONS.

3. SINCE 4:00 PM, RADIO CLUBE PORTUGUESE (RTP), HAS BROADCAST HOURLY STATEMENT LAUDING "EXEMPLARY" CONDUCT OF TROOPS OCCUPYING THAT STATION AND REPORTING MINISTRY OF SOCIAL COMMUNICATIONS MEETING.

4. EXTREME LEFT PARTIES HAVE REACTED STRONGLY TO PRIME MINISTER'S DECISION. PRP-BR CALLED ACTION "PROVOCATION TO CIVIL WAR"; LCI LABELLED IT "FIRST GREAT CAMPAIGN OF RIGHTIST GOVERNMENT." FUR AND UDP CALLED PROTEST DEMONSTRATION FOR 1:00 PM TODAY BUT ONLY ABOUT 200 DEMONSTRATORS SHOWED UP.

5. PRIME MINISTER IS SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS NATION AT 8:00 PM. CARLUCCI

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